

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to the response to Office Action, filed on 04-October-2004.
 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1 and 2.
 3. The drawings filed on 22 August 2002 are accepted by the Examiner.
 4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * Certified copies not received: _____.
- Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application.
THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.
5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 14-October-2004
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____.
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.


CHARLES RONES
PRIMARY EXAMINER

DETAILED ACTION

Remarks

1. In response to the request for reconsideration filed on 04-October -2004, claims 1 and 2 are pending in the application.
2. In view of the examiner's amendment, authorized by the Attorney of Record, the abstract of the disclosure has been amended by the examiner (details provided below.)

Examiner's Amendment

3. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Thomas L. Evans (Attorney of Record) on 25-February-2005 (see enclosed Interview Summary, paper No. 20050225, for details.)

The abstract of the disclosure has been amended by the examiner as follows. This abstract will replace all prior versions of abstract in the Application:

REPLACEMENT ABSTRACT

An apparatus for using a floating pallet for a digital asset management system in a plurality of different applications is disclosed. A single extension plug-in is created to interface with API's of all of the plurality of different applications, wherein the extension plug-in communicates with the digital asset management system. The floating pallet for [said] the digital asset management system is created in one of the plurality of different applications wherein the floating pallet uses the properties and behaviors of a selected application. An indication that a file has been transferred from [said] the digital asset management system to [said] the selected application is then given.

Allowance

4. Claims 1-2 are allowed over the prior art made of record.

5. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The applicant's arguments presented in the response to Office Action, filed on 04-October-2004 have been fully considered and are deemed persuasive, in that the "floating pallet" recited in the claims of the present application is not taught by the "pop-up editing window" taught in the cited prior art of record.

The prior art of record, Beck et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,167,395), Phillips et al (U.S. Patent No. 6,072,994), and Donohue (U.S. Patent No. 6,202,207), do not disclose, teach, or suggest the claimed limitations of (in combination with all other features in the claim):

An apparatus for using a floating pallet for a digital asset management system in a plurality of different applications, comprising:

means for creating said floating pallet for said digital asset management system in one of said plurality of different applications wherein the floating pallet uses the properties and behaviors of a selected application, as recited in independent claim 1.

Claim 2 is allowed over the prior art made of record because it is dependent from the allowed independent claim 1.

Conclusion

6. Any inquiries concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tony Mahmoudi whose telephone number is (571) 272-4078. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays-Fridays from 08:00 am to 04:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Dov Popovici, can be reached at (571) 272-4083.

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February 25, 2005



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